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EARTH'S MIGHTIEST HEROES, UNITED AGAINST A COMMON THREAT! ON THAT DAY THE AVENGERS WERE BORN, TO FIGHT FOES THAT NO SINGLE HERO COULD WITHSTAND!

NEW AVENGERS

LUKE CAGE

MS. MARVEL

THING

IRON FIST

SPIDER-MAN

WOLVERINE

DR. STRANGE

MOCKINGBIRD

JESSICA JONES

VICTORIA HAND

DAREDEVIL

AVENGERS COMMANDER STEVE ROGERS HAS GIVEN LUKE CAGE, JESSICA JONES, MS. MARVEL, MOCKINGBIRD, DAREDEVIL, SPIDER-MAN, DR. STRANGE, WOLVERINE, IRON FIST AND THE THING THE KEYS TO AVENGERS MANSION, A LIAISON IN THE CONTROVERSIAL FORM OF VICTORIA HAND, AND FREE REIN TO PROTECT THE WORLD ANY WAY THEY SEE FIT.

THE PHOENIX FORCE IS HEADED TOWARDS EARTH. THE AVENGERS BELIEVE THAT IT IS A DESTRUCTIVE FORCE THAT WILL LAY WASTE TO THE EARTH WHILE THE X-MEN BELIEVE IT IS A FORCE OF REBIRTH THAT COULD REIGNITE THE MUTANT RACE. BOTH BELIEVE IT WILL USE THE YOUNG MUTANT HOPE SUMMERS AS ITS AVATAR.

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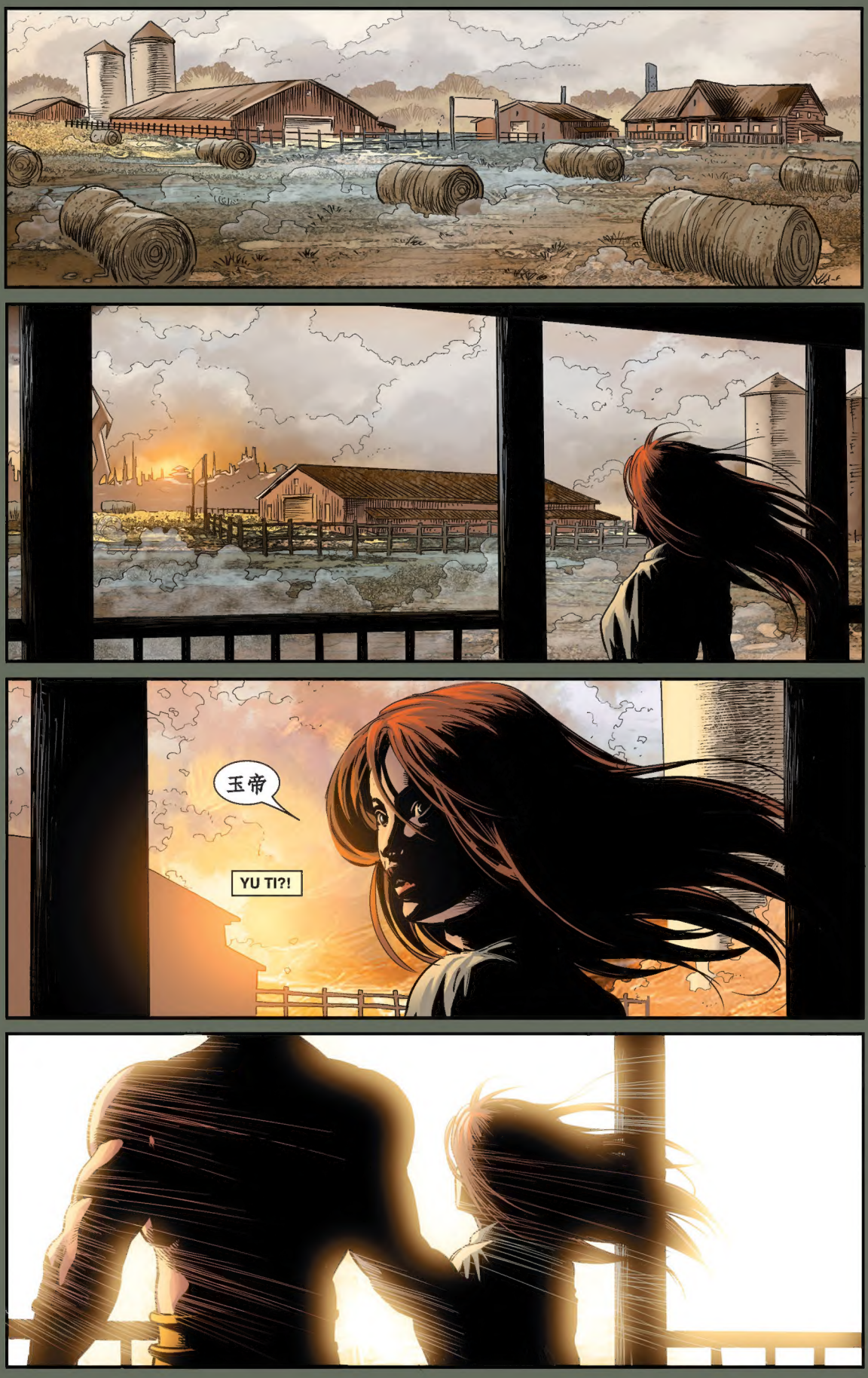
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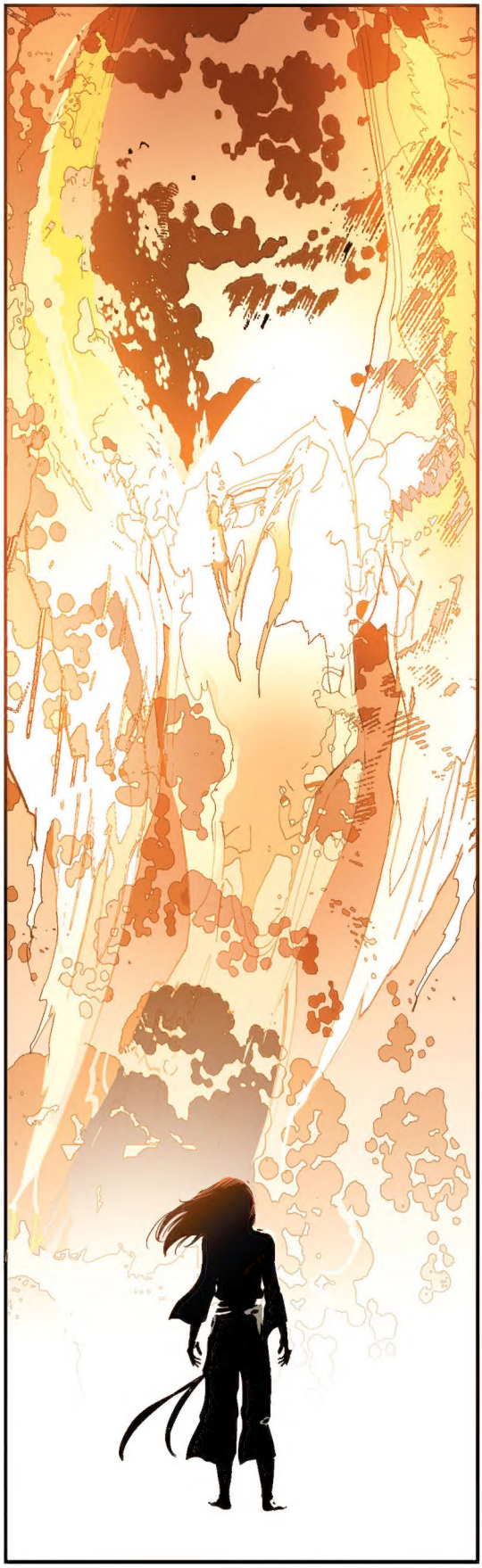

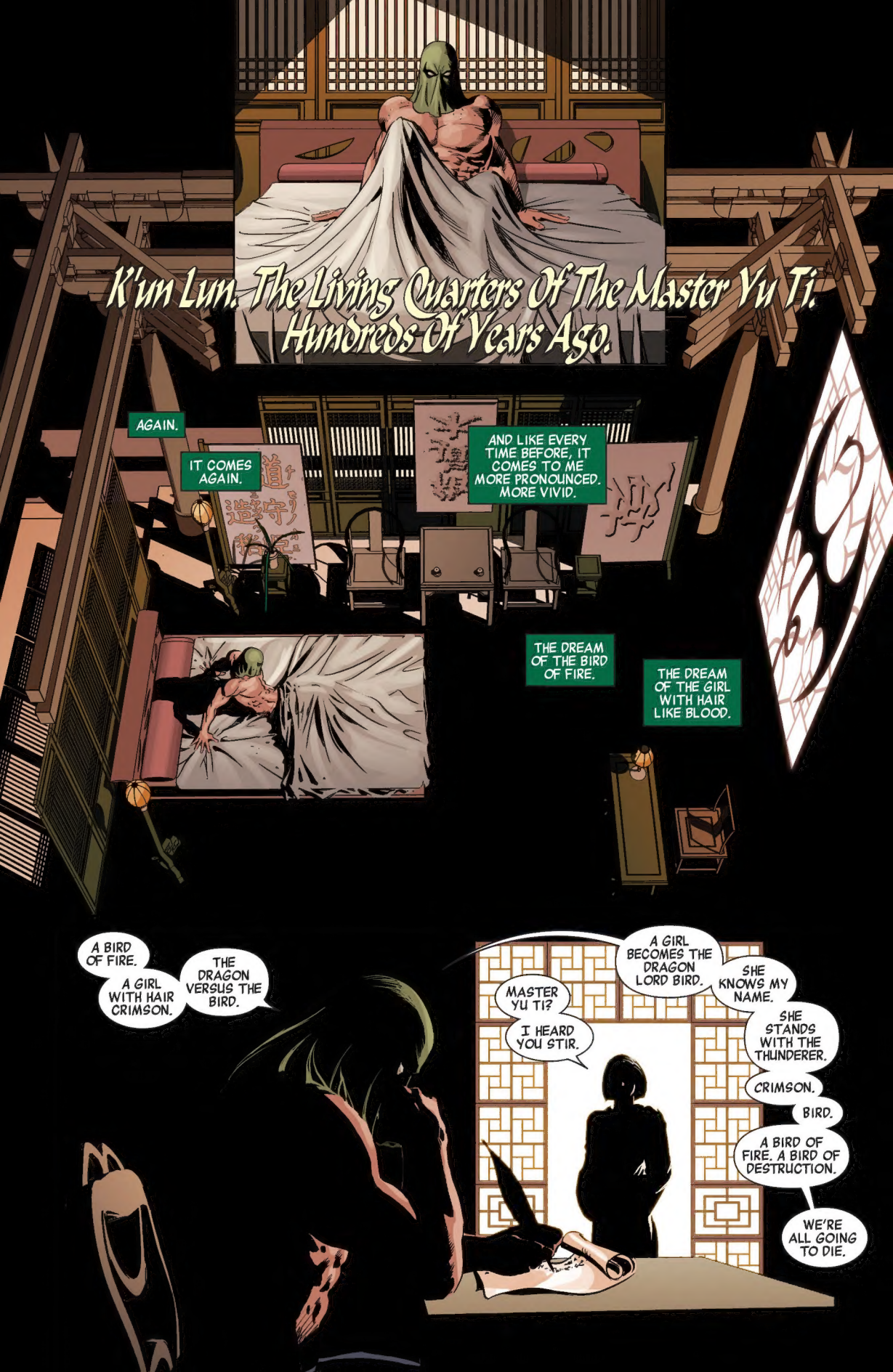
K'un Lun. The Living Quarters Of The Master Yu Ti. Hundreds Of Years Ago.
AGAIN.
IT COMES AGAIN.
AND LIKE EVERY TIME BEFORE, IT COMES TO ME MORE PRONOUNCED. MORE VIVID.
THE DREAM OF THE BIRD OF FIRE.
THE DREAM OF THE GIRL WITH HAIR LIKE BLOOD.
A BIRD OF FIRE.
A GIRL WITH HAIR CRIMSON.
THE DRAGON VERSUS THE BIRD.
MASTER YU TI?
I HEARD YOU STIR.
A GIRL BECOMES THE DRAGON LORD BIRD.
SHE KNOWS MY NAME.
SHE STANDS WITH THE THUNDERER.
CRIMSON.
BIRD.
A BIRD OF FIRE. A BIRD OF DESTRUCTION.
WE'RE ALL GOING TO DIE.

THE PROPHECY DREAM NOW HAUNTS MY WAKING MOMENTS AS WELL AS MY NIGHTS.
I BREAK TRADITION AND PROTOCOL AND LEAVE THE TEMPLE ALONE AND WALK AMONG THE PEOPLE OF K'UN LUN.
MY PEOPLE.
THE HEART AND BREATH OF OUR GREAT CITY.
I CAN HEAR THEIR WHISPERS OF DISBELIEF. THEY WORRY SOMETHING IS WRONG, FOR...
"MASTER YU TI WALKS AMONG US."
I WOULD CALL THEIR ATTENTION AND ASSURE THEM THAT EVERYTHING IS FINE...BUT I'M NOT SURE I CAN DO THAT WITH AN HONEST SOUL.
SOME STARE. SOME LOOK AWAY OUT OF RESPECT.
AND ALL I THINK OF IS THE BIRD OF FIRE AND THE GIRL WITH THE HAIR CRIMSON.
I WALK TO CLEAR MY HEAD. I WALK FOR UNDERSTANDING OF MY PURPOSE. I WALK TO SEE A SIGN.
I BEG THE CITY. I BEG IT TO SHOW ME SOMETHING.
SHOW ME THE MEANING OF THE PROPHECY DREAM.
REVEAL THE GIRL WITH HAIR CRIMSON.

THE WALKING CRANE!
THE LOTUS STANDING!
THE PANTHER RISES!
THE AUGUST PERSONAGE IN JADE HAS JOINED US!
MASTER YU TI? IS EVERYTHING ALL RIGHT?
YES, LEI KUNG. CONTINUE YOUR PRACTICE.
CAN I HELP YOU IN ANY WAY?
I'M LOOKING FOR A GIRL WITH HAIR OF CRIMSON.
I'M SORRY?
HAIR BRIGHT RED LIKE BLOOD FRESH SPILLED.
HERE IN THE CITY?
IS THERE A GIRL SUCH AS THIS?
NOT THAT I CAN RECALL.
A SMALL CHILD OR A--?
I DON'T KNOW.
YOU, THUNDERER, ARE AMONG THE PEOPLE MORE THAN I.
I WAS HOPEFUL THAT MAYBE YOU HAD SEEN SOMEONE LIKE THIS.
NOT SINCE MY TIME ON THE EARTHLY PLANE.
BUT THAT WAS LONG AGO.
SHOULD I START A GROUP QUEST TO FIND THIS GIRL?
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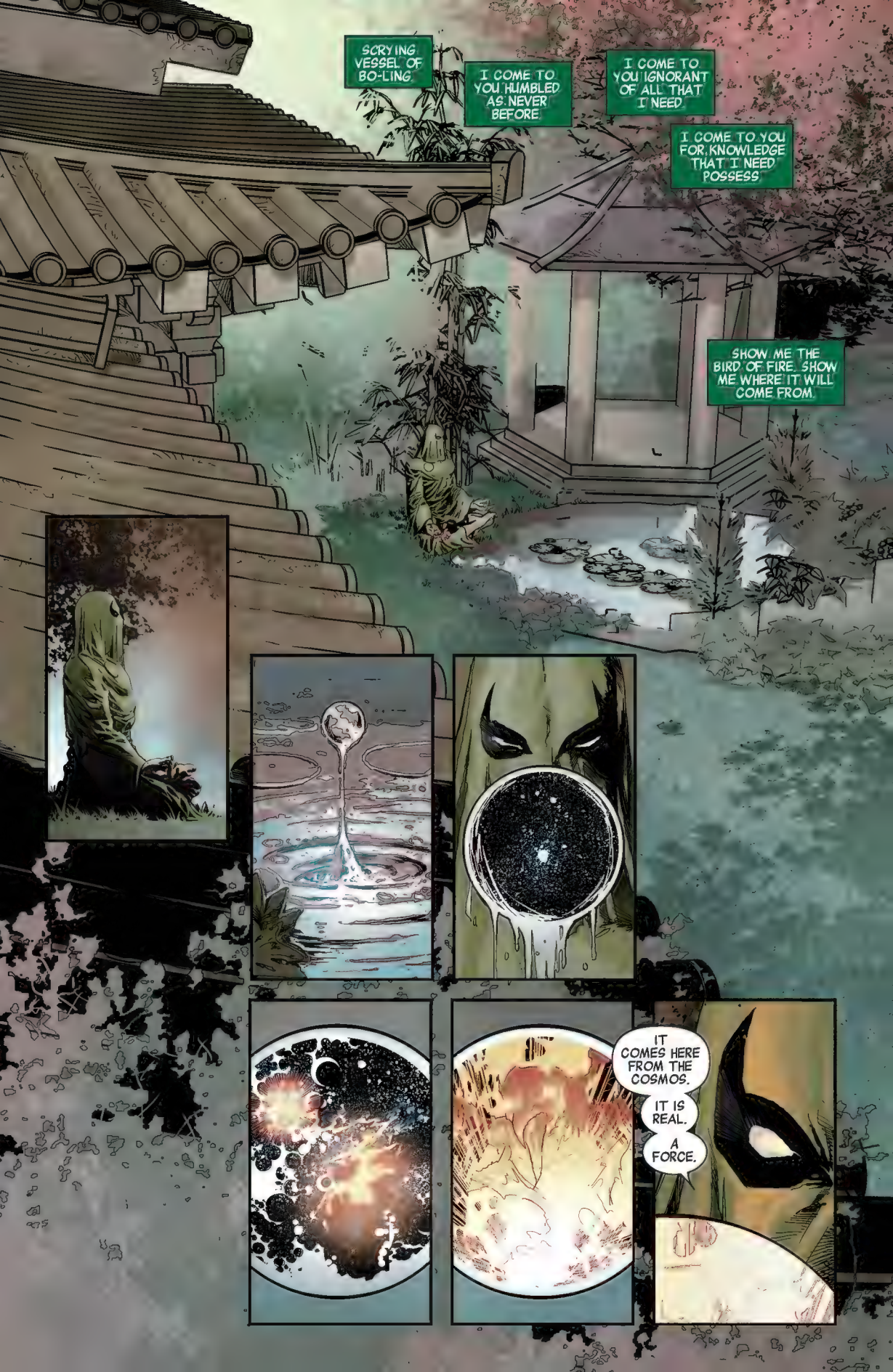
NOT YET.


SCRYING VESSEL OF BO-LING
I COME TO YOU HUMBLED AS NEVER BEFORE
I COME TO YOU IGNORANT OF ALL THAT I NEED
I COME TO YOU FOR KNOWLEDGE THAT I NEED POSSESS
SHOW ME THE BIRD OF FIRE. SHOW ME WHERE IT WILL COME FROM.
IT COMES HERE FROM THE COSMOS.
IT IS REAL.
A FORCE.

SCRYING VESSEL OF BO-LING I BEG OF YOU.
I MUST ASK ONCE MORE...
THERE IS A GIRL WITH THE HAIR OF CRIMSON.
SHOW ME WHERE SHE IS.
PLEASE, I BEG YOU. SHOW ME!
PLEASE...

MASTER, WHY HAVE YOU LEFT THE TEMPLE PROPER UNATTENDED?
I DON'T NEED ATTENDING TO, LEI KUNG.
NOT TODAY.
IT IS MY JOB TO PROTECT AND SERVE YOU AND IT WOULD BE MY HUMBLE REQUEST THAT YOU TAKE YOUR GUARDS WITH YOU AS IS PROTOCOL.
YOU HAVE MY PERMISSION TO GO BACK TO THE TEMPLE AND... CONTINUE...
MASTER?
GIRL.
WHAT IS YOUR NAME?

WHOSE GIRL IS THIS?
SHE DOES NOT SPEAK.
SHE CANNOT OR DOES NOT?
WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE?
TELL HER TO TAKE OFF HER HEAD-DRESS.
WHY?
BECAUSE I ASKED.
WHO ARE YOU TO--?
STAND, GOOD WOMAN.
NEVER APOLOGIZE FOR PROTECTING YOUR YOUNG.
PLEASE HAVE HER REMOVE HER HEADDRESS.
MY APOLOGIES, MASTER YU TI.
DO WHAT THE MASTER SAYS!
LOOK AT ME, YOUNG ONE.
LOOK HERE...

DO YOU KNOW WHO I AM?
AGAIN, SIR, SHE DOESN'T SPEAK.
IS SHE DEAF AS WELL?
NO, MASTER.
THEN SHE CAN ANSWER.
ANSWER THE MASTER.
WHAT IS HER NAME?
FONGJI.
IT MEANS--
I KNOW WHAT IT MEANS.
BIRD OF FIRE.
WHY IS HER HAIR LIKE THIS?
HER COMPLEXION.

YOU WERE PART OF THE LAST PILGRIMAGE TO EARTH.
YES.
I SEE YOU FOUND COMPANIONSHIP.
WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?
SHE WILL BE COMING WITH ME BACK TO THE TEMPLE.
SHE WILL? WHY?
SHE HAS DUTIES AND TRAINING.
LEI KUNG WILL HELP HER GATHER HER THINGS RIGHT NOW.
YOU AND YOUR FAMILY WILL BE ALLOWED TO VISIT.
SOMEONE WILL COME AND CLAIM YOU AT APPROPRIATE TIMES.
SIR?
WHO IS SHE?
SHE IS TO BE THE NEXT IRON FIST.
SHE WILL NEED TO BE TRAINED.
SEE TO THAT, WILL YOU?
SIR, WE-- WE HAVEN'T HAD AN IRON FIST IN 75 YEARS.
WE HAVEN'T NEEDED ONE.

K'un Lun. Today.
WHY?
WHY WASN'T I EVER TOLD ABOUT THIS?

THE GUARDIANS OF K'UN LUN BEFORE US DECLARED THE SECRETS OF THE PHOENIX TO BE KEPT UNTIL THE TIME OF ITS RETURN.
THAT TIME IS NOW.
THE HEAVY BURDEN OF THESE SECRETS HAS BEEN MINE AND MINE ALONE.
KEEP READING BUT READ QUICKLY, LEI KUNG.
YOU NEED TO KNOW EVERYTHING.
YOU NEED TO TELL THE IRON FIST WHAT HE HAS TO DO.
AND IF YOU FAIL, THE EARTH WILL FALL.
AND IF THE EARTH FALLS, WE CEASE TO BE.
TO BE CONTINUED...

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NEXT:

CAPTAIN AMERICA VS. WOLVERINE!

TO FACE THE PHOENIX!

RISE OF THE ZODIAC!

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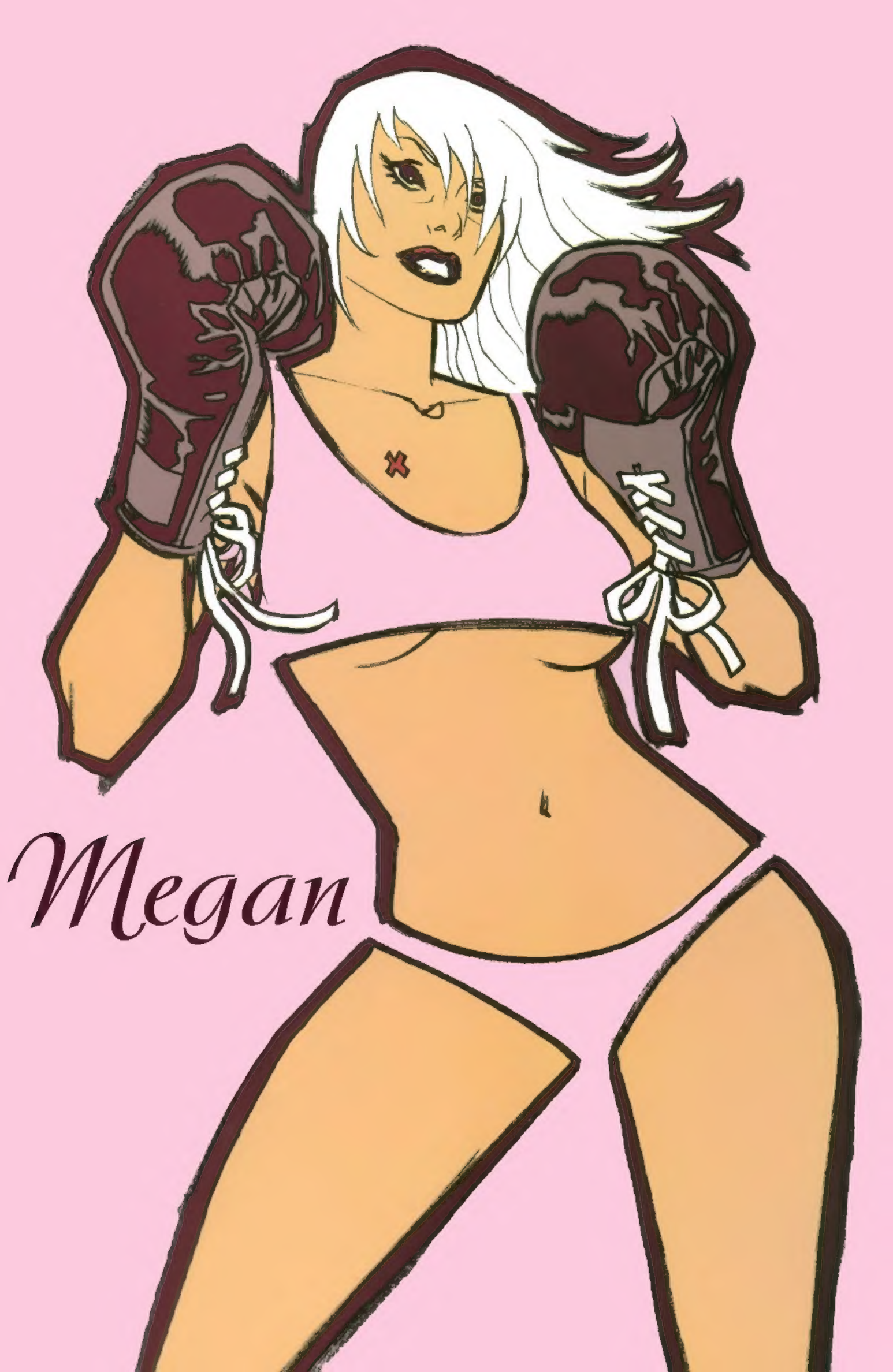
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